April 20, 2009 - Special Town Council Meeting

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI, held at the Middletown Town Hall on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 6:00 P.M.

Council President Christopher T. Semonelli, Presiding

**Vice Chairman Richard Cambra** 

**Councillor Frank A. Bozyan** 

**Councillor M. Theresa Santos** 

Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.

Councillor Robert J. Sylvia

Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present

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Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk

**Town of Middletown** 

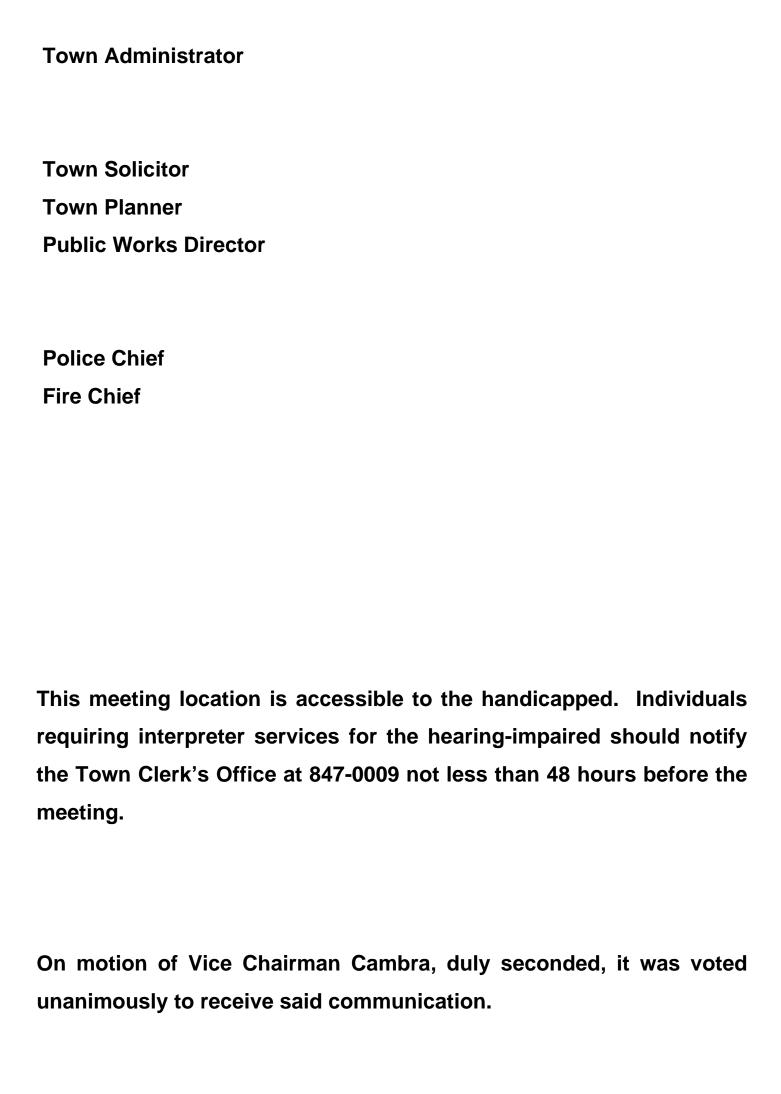
Town Hall – 350 East Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island 02842

Dear Mrs. Marshall:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 203 of the Town Charter and in accordance with Sections 42-46-2., 42-46-4. and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to formally consider, discuss and act upon the following item of business:

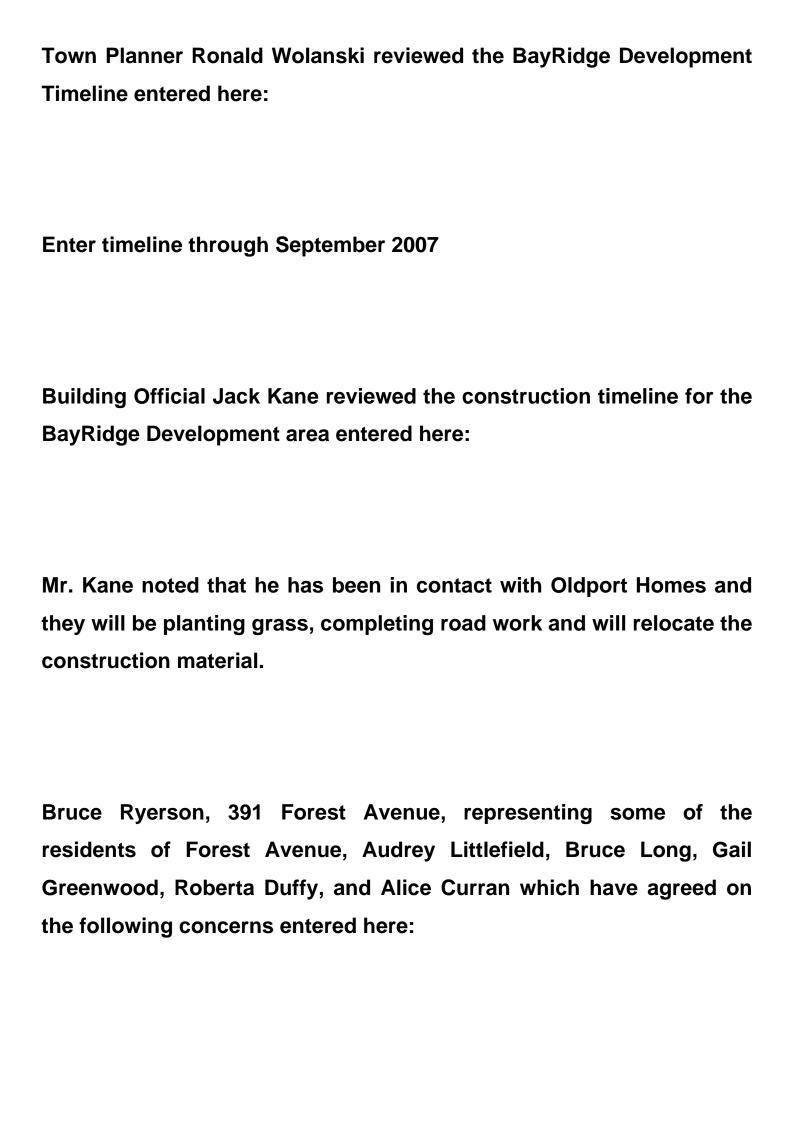
1. Historical background of Bay Ridge development
2. Questions for Bay Ridge developers
Said meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.
Christopher T. Semonelli, President
Middletown Town Council
CC: Town Council Public Library



Also present were Town Planner Ronald Wolanski, Building Official Jack Kane and Town Engineer Warren Hall.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown reviewed a brief description of the property noting the area consists of 26 acres south of Forest Avenue School, the subdivision is for residents 55 and over, there are 60 units and the development does not include Town roads or infrastructure, the association is responsible for the development.

Town Solicitor Michael W. Miller explained the existing ordinance was requested by the developers of BayRidge in 2004. The original proposal was for only one of the owners to be 55 or older. At a past Town Council meeting, a request was made by a council person, that both occupants be 55 or older. Now the ordinance is to be changed to only one of the occupants be 55 or older to meet state and federal law.



Alice Curran, Forest Avenue, expressed concern with the current ordinance and noted that she believes BayRidge is not a legal development.

Bruce Long, 1 Winfield Court, noted that the Forest Avenue group will be opposed to the new ordinance being considered on May 4, 2009. Mr. Long believes a new traffic study should be required for the area and noted concern with the drainage in the BayRidge development.

Fran Coulter, 24 Buck Road, questioned the occupancy in the BayRidge area and noted concern for the need of more bales of hay by Buck Road for the water runoff.

Discussion centered around the Town continuing to work with the developer of BayRidge to resolve area issues.

Vice Chairman Cambra requested that questions submitted by the

Forest Avenue Neighbors thru Bruce Ryerson, numbered 3, 4, 5 & 7 be reviewed by the Town administration and report back to the Council at a later date.

On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 6:52 P.M.

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Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC

**Council Clerk**